

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the specification and claims to simply overcome the objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments to claims 2 and 4 contained herein are intended to be of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The application was filed with informal drawings acceptable for examination purposes only. Applicant has enclosed formal drawings to replace the informal drawings presently in the file.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 4 to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bonell, (U.S. Pat. No. 3,417,551). Applicant has cancelled claim 1, thereby rendering its rejection moot. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 2, which the examiner has indicated as allowable if rewritten into independent form. Since the applicant has amended claim 2 into independent form, applicant believes that claim 3 is now also in a condition for allowance.

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ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The examiner states that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, applicant has amended claim 2 to include the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, claim 2 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 944-6526.

Respectfully submitted,

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